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To: Horn, Bill
Cc: Jacob, Dianne; Roberts, Dave; Ron-Roberts; Cox, Greg
Subject: Proposed Sand Mining Project in El Monte Valley
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Dear Board of Supervisor Members,

Please read the attached letter and seriously consider my comments concerning this matter.

Thank You,

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Mr. Bill Horn
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Dear Mr. Horn,

I am writing to express my concerns with the Sand Mining project in the El Monte Valley in Lakeside.

A major concern is the truck traffic that will be generated. The road out of El Monte Valley is a two lane road with one exit that is a four way stop. Your first option at the four way stop is left up Lake Jennings Road. This is a steep grade that trucks with full loads would take slowly and have to shift several times to get to the top. Once they reach the top, they have to slow for the first of two traffic lights. The two traffic lights are only a few hundred feet apart and are major entrance and egress points for thousands of residences including a fire station and I-8 at Lake Jennings. The I-8 at this point is two lanes. The on ramp is traffic light controlled at peak hours so trucks would have to stop at this point also and slowly merge onto the freeway. This freeway is already congested with traffic from the entire East County and beyond. Your second option at the four way stop is right on the Maplevue, which has three traffic lights. Between the lights there are many spots where cars cross traffic to get to residences including several apartment complexes. The light at Ashwood is the major intersection for El Capitan High School. Morning, mid-day, and afternoon traffic at this intersection is already highly congested. Foot traffic in this area is also very high. One block from this intersection is the major intersection at Highway 67. This is a high traffic corridor with traffic feeding from I-8 and the 52 freeway. All traffic to and from these points come to a stop lighted intersection. Waits at these traffic lights can be as high as 5 minutes. Add to all this the fact that these roads are not constructed to handle the heavy trucks and will crumble beneath them. As you can see this is a terrible problem for thousands and thousands of citizens that can not be overlooked or mitigated.

Sincerely yours,

Kathleen Digenan